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In the claims:

1. (Currently amended) A valve configured to be inserted into a dispenser and engage a front wall of said dispenser comprising a disc of flexible material having a front wall and a rear wall, a central portion section formed between said front and rear walls, an annular portion contiguous with and surrounding said central section formed between said front and rear walls and including a marginal edge portion, wherein said [[a]] front wall of said central portion is displaced toward said rear wall from the front wall of said annular portion, [[a]] said rear wall of said annular portion is recessed toward said front wall from [[a]] said rear wall of said central portion and [[a]] said rear wall of said marginal edge, and said central portion is slit to provide at least one movable flap forming a valve for dispensing material.

2. (Currently amended) A valve according to claim 1 wherein said front wall of said annular portion is conical.

3. (Currently amended) A valve according to claim 1 ~~wherein said valve is made of~~ molded silicone.

4. (Currently amended) A dispenser forming a cavity for containing material to be dispensed and having a valve piston at one end of said cavity and a valve at an opposed end, wherein said dispenser has an internal wall and a front dispenser wall, and said valve comprises a disc with a front wall and a rear wall, a central portion section formed between said front and rear walls, an annular portion contiguous with and surrounding said central section formed between said front and rear walls, and including a marginal edge portion, wherein said [[a]] front wall of said central portion is displaced toward said rear wall from the front wall of said annular portion, [[a]] said rear wall of said annular portion is recessed toward said front wall from [[a]] said rear wall of said central portion and [[a]] said rear wall of said marginal edge, and said central portion is slit to provide at least one movable flap

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~~forming a valve~~ for dispensing material and said front wall of said annular portion engages said front dispenser wall and said marginal edge portion engages said internal wall.

5. (Original) A dispenser according to claim 4 wherein said material to be dispensed comprises hot melt adhesive and said valve is made of silicone.

6. (Original) A dispenser according to claim 4 wherein said piston comprises a first part engaging said material and providing an annular seal with the interior of said cavity and a second part of more rigid material.

7. (Original) A dispenser according to claim 6 wherein said first and second parts are connected to each other to form a single unit.